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CINCPAC, CINCEUR AND CINCLANT FOR POLAD

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SUBJ: TANZANIA TO PROTEST INCREASED US NAVAL ACTIVITY IN
INDIAN OCEAN

REF: STATE 18453, STATE 19236

1. FONMIN DIRECTOR FOR WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND EUROPE,
WILLIAM MBAGO, CALLED ME TO FONMIN THIS MORNING.
ACCOMPANIED BY WESTERN HEMISPHERE DESK OFFICE MUGANDA,
MBAGO EXPLAINED THAT ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4 THERE WILL
BE NATIONWIDE DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZED BY TANGANYIKA
AFRICAN NATIONAL UNBN (TANU) AND AFRO-SHIRAZI PARTY
(ASP) IN PROTEST OF "INCREASED US NAVAL FORCES IN
INDIAN OCEAN." (IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS REFERS
SOLELY TO ADDITIONAL AMERICAN NAVAL SHIPS IN AREA OR
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ALSO INCLUDES PLANS FOR DIEGO GARCIA. EMBASSY HAS

DONE NO BRIEFING OF FONMIN ON DIEGO GARCIA, THOUGH
BROCKWAY/TWEEDSMUIR Q AND A CARRIED TODAY'S PAPER.)

2. I EXPLAINED IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS MOCKERY THIS KIND
OF ACTION, WHICH HAD TO BE APPROVED AT HIGHER LEVELS
TANGOV, MAKES OF ANY SEMBLANCE OF BALANCE OR EVEN-HANDEDNESS
IN TANZANIA'S POLICY VIS-A-VIS INDIAN OCEAN. I NOTED
THAT TANZANIA IS FULLY AWARE OF SOVIET PRESENCE IN INDIAN
OCEAN, YET CRITICISM HAS TRADITIONALLY AND APPARENTLY
WILL CONTINUE TO BE AIMED SOLELY AT US. MBAGO FREEBLY
EXPLAINED THAT TANZANIA COULD NOT TACKLE ALL FRONTS AT
SAME TIME, ADDING THAT AT LEAST SOVIETS USUALLY SUPPORT
AFRICANS ON AFRICAN MATTERS. FOLLOWING FURTHER SPARRING,
I THANKED MBAGO FOR ADVANCE WARNING AND DEPARTED.

3. ON WAY TO CAR MUGANDA EXPLAINED THAT TANGOV IS
CURRENTLY CONSIDERING OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON ISSUE.
INTERESTINGLY, HE ADDED ON FYI BASIS THAT STATEMENT MAY
INCLUDE SLAP AT SOVIETS. WE SHALL SEE. IN ATTEMPT
CLARIFY LOGISTICS OF MONDAY DEMONSTRATION, MUGANDA
LATER CALLED EMBOFF NOTING THAT DEMONSTRATION WOULD
BEGIN AT TANU YOUTH LEAGUE (TYL) HQ AND PROCEED TO
AMEMBASSY WHERE SMALL DELEGATION WOULD DELIVER PROTEST
NOTE TO EMBOFF AT 0930. READING FROM TANU NOTIFICATION,
MUGANDA SAID THERE NO MENTION OF "NATIONWIDE DEMONSTRATION"
MENTIONED EARLIER BY MBAGO.

4. SUBSEQUENTLY WE RECEIVED CABLE FROM AMCONSUL
ZANZIBAR WHICH QUOTED RADIO ZANZIBAR AS ANNOUNCING THAT
DEMONSTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE NEAR AMERICAN CONSULATE
ON FEB. 4 IN PROTEST OF AMERICAN PRESENCE IN INDIAN
OCEAN.

5. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE DEMONSTRATION WILL BE PEACEFUL
AND POSE NO THREAT TO AMERICAN LIFE OR PROPERTY. EVEN
IF MBAGO IS CORRECT IN HIS REFERENCE TO "NATIONWIDE"
PROTEST, IT LIKELY ACTIVITY WILL BE CONFINED PRIMARILY
TO DAR ES SALAAM AND ZANZIBAR. THIS IS NOT BURNING
ISSUE AMONG POPULACE AND DEMONSTRATIONS WILL ALMOST
CERTAINLY HAVE TO BE PRODDER TO PARTICIPATE BY TYL AND
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ASP. ALTHOUGH THERE NOT NECESSARILY ANY CONNECTION, WE
NOTE THAT DEMONSTRATION WILL OCCUR AT TIME WHEN UK
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS
DOUGLAS-HOME IS IN TANZANIA. END COMMENT.
CARTER

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